

OLD COLLEGE TO PUNISH VANDALS

Faculty and Students One in Exploring Defacement of U. C. M. Building.

FACULTY TO MEET AT ONCE

New College Leaves Punishment of Red Paint Users to M. C. V.

Incessant by the odium which has been reflected upon the institution as a whole by the vandalism committed Thursday night on the University College of Medicine's beautiful new building, when red paint was smeared on the entrance to the main building of the University College of Medicine, the faculty and students of the Medical College of Virginia united yesterday in the determination to discover the perpetrators of the deed, if they belong to their college, and visit summary punishment upon them. If students of the old college were guilty of bespattering the stone portal of the University College of Medicine with red paint, the student body and the faculty will vindicate the honor of the Medical College of Virginia by disproving all responsibility for the act and punishing the offenders.

Dr. Christopher Tompkins, dean of the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia, said last night that he would call a meeting of the faculty at once to lay the matter before the officers of the old school. Dr. Tompkins refused to give an expression of opinion one way or the other, but said that the faculty would deal with the situation unhesitatingly. From the expressions of opinion among students of the old college, it is evident that they feel that the honor of their college has been impugned and are determined that the malicious act of probably two or three men shall not be laid at the door of the whole college.

Feeling House High

With both Dr. Stuart McGuire, the president, and the Rev. W. H. Anderson, proctor, out of the city, it was difficult to obtain an official statement of the course of action to be taken by the faculty of the University College of Medicine. It is the general opinion, however, that the faculty will meet, consider the matter and present it formally to the faculty of the old college for action, believing that the Medical College of Virginia will leave no stone unturned to bring the offenders to justice. While feeling ran high among the students of the new college yesterday, cool judgment prevailed, and it was decided that the punishment of the perpetrators of the deed be left in the hands of the faculty and students of the old school.

Thursday afternoon the football teams of the two medical colleges clashed in their annual battle, and the old college triumphed, after a bitterly contested fight. Yesterday morning, when the students trooped into lectures at the new college, the score of a game, painted in flaming red letters, glared from the white stone entrance way of the building. The stone pillars were bespattered with red paint, the steps covered with the scum of insulting sentences, and even the woodwork and glass of the doors bore marks of the paint brush.

An indication of the meeting was held, and the hotter heads were for descending straightaway upon the old college and offering battle to wipe out the affront. But it was soon shown to every one's satisfaction that the act could only have been committed by two or three students of a maliciously minded mind. So the matter was referred to the faculty for action. Up to last night the paint had not been removed, except from the woodwork and glass of the doors. The prospects of discovering the offenders appears slight, unless the students of the old college do detective work.

Dr. Price Explains.

According to Dr. Lawrence T. Price, a member of the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia, the painting of the red paint is traceable to an incident which followed the V. P. I. Medical College football game, which was won by the Medics. After the game in Backsburg, according to Dr. Price, some exulting student or students pointed in green letters the score of the game on the side of the building now used as the dental dispensary of the Medical College of Virginia. A night or two later some one—believed by the students of the old college to have been a student of the new college—painted over the score of M. C. V. 34-V. P. I. 10 and substituted in red paint, V. P. I. 2-M. C. V. 0.

In retaliation for this act on the part of students of the University College of Medicine, said Dr. Price, two or three students of the old college proceeded to decorate the front of the new college with the score of Thursday's game in the celebration which followed the victory.

It appears now that the removal of the offending paint will entail a heavy cost, the red liquid having sunk into the pores of the concrete pillars and refusing to respond to the action of turpentine, alcohol and acids applied yesterday.

Meherin, Va., November 15.—O. Q. Barnes, charged with the murder of E. Newcomb, who died at the Memorial Hospital in Richmond a few days ago, was rearrested by the sheriff of this county today and taken before Bail Commissioner W. H. Perry, and was again released after his present bond of \$500 was raised to \$5,000.

This case will be called at the January term of court, and it is expected that he will be indicted and tried during that session.

A strong array of counsel has been employed to defend as well as prosecute the charge.

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WIFE TELLS STORY OF WILD FINANCE

Chicago, November 15.—Mrs. Margaret L. Kirby, wife of the president of the defunct Kirby Savings Bank, to-day in the United States Judge Landis's court related an involved story of banking and gambling, which reached a point of dramatic intensity late this afternoon when two suspected swindlers were brought before Mrs. Kirby and the court for identification.

Mrs. Kirby could not identify the two men whom she had charged with swindling her banker husband of \$60,000 through a fake wife-tapping scheme. Kirby and her nephew, Daniel Kirby, also failed to identify the men. Every sentence of the woman's confession to-day also implicated her husband in the failure of his private savings bank, which she told of how she trustingly made bank deposits under fictitious names under her husband's orders. In simple narrative style she told of wild night rides in taxicabs when she carried from \$10,000 to \$20,000 in a small black handbag, hurrying to Kirby, that he might have more funds with which to engage in the alleged wife-tapping scheme.

Mrs. Kirby averred to-day that she was almost penniless, and had even ground over her jewelry to her mother in order to obtain money with which to employ counsel. The case will be continued to-morrow.

PIANO DEALERS NOT SATISFIED

Further Hearing on School Board Contract Next Monday Night.

The matter of purchasing pianos for the use of the public schools, over which there was some wrangle at the last meeting of the committee on buildings and furniture of the City School Board, has not been settled. The committee will meet Monday night, when Lee Ferguson, of the Lee Ferguson Piano Company, and others who have not heretofore been heard before the school authorities will attend.

There is some controversy as to which is in actual effect the lowest bid, and from the terms of the various bids it would appear that this is dependent on how many pianos are to be purchased. It is claimed by some that the lowest bid submitted to the School Board was that of Stultz & Co. for pianos at \$148.75, offered by the Ferguson Brothers Company—not the Lee Ferguson Piano Company. This price was quoted for each piano, regardless of number.

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Entrance to University College of Medicine, bedaubed with red paint by vandals.

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The piano contract under which the City School Board has been operating until new bids were received a few weeks ago was a contract made in 1905 with the Cable Company, through J. G. Corley, local representative, Mr. Corley not having been at that time a member of the City School Board. The old contract was for \$225 for one instrument, accepting the offer of an additional piano for each one purchased.

Under the new bids it is now claimed that the Cable Company is the lowest bidder, provided the School Board desires to purchase two or four pianos, but if the board should determine to purchase an odd number of pianos, there are lower propositions pending. Objection was made at the last sitting of the committee to having the city of Richmond made a recipient of charity or the pianos in its schools used for advertising purposes.

It is expected that the piano dealers will be out in full force on Monday night, when the matter is again to be gone into.

Robt. W. Withers Dies at Suffolk

Though a Young Man, Had Attained High Honors in Political and Professional Life.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Suffolk, Va., November 15.—Hon. Robert W. Withers, commonwealth's attorney of the city of Suffolk, died to-night at his home on Main Street at 8 o'clock in the thirty-seventh year of his age. He had been in feeble health for more than a year. Much of his time for the past many months had been spent in Catawba, Asheville, N. C., and Silver City, New Mexico.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Louise McAdams, of Richmond, daughter of Mrs. James B. McAdams, of Richmond, and niece of John P. Branch, of that city; one child, a daughter, his mother, Mrs. M. T. Withers; two brothers, N. R. Withers and J. T. Withers; three sisters, Mrs. Arthur Woolford, Mrs. Herbert Darden, of Atlanta, Ga., and Miss Nan Withers.

Mr. Withers was a son of the late A. C. Withers and a nephew of United States Senator R. E. Withers. Mr. Withers, though a young man, had attained high honors in the professional and political world. He was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates as representative from Nansemond County in 1903, and served in that body with distinction for six years. During that time he was widely known for his eloquence and activity in public matters. He was joint patron of the Withers-Lassiter good roads bill. He served as Democratic elector in 1904, and was one of Virginia's most popular commissioners at the Jamestown Exposition in 1907. He was a law graduate of Washington and Lee University, having won highest honors in his class. He was an honored and brilliant member of the Suffolk bar, and his loss will be felt throughout the State.

The funeral services will be conducted from St. Paul's P. E. Church, Suffolk, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and interment will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary B. Adams, forty-eight years old, died early yesterday morning at her home, 1712 Beverly Street. Besides her husband, she leaves one child, Joseph Adams, and one sister, Miss Annie Bethel. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Mrs. D. W. Farmer.

Mrs. Ella Lee Farmer, wife of David W. Farmer, died yesterday afternoon at her home, 417 South Pine Street. Besides her husband, she leaves her mother, two brothers, one sister and five children.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

FEELING A DEEP SENSE OF OUR loss in the death of MR. T. WILLIAM PEMBERTON, our conductor, the board of directors of Hollywood Cemetery Company wish to put on record the expression of our high appreciation of his worth, and his interest in and devotion to the work of this company.

Therefore be it resolved, First, That the board of directors submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and is too wise to err. Second, That in the death of Mr. Pemberton, loss has been sustained by this directory and company. Third, That we wish to bear testimony to his faithfulness and his consistent walk and conversation. Fourth, That we have lost a man and citizen no one stood higher in the estimation of this community as a cultivated, scholarly, Christian gentleman; we shall miss him in our business associations and as a friend. Fifth, We desire to extend to his sorrowing family expression of our sincere sympathy in their bereavement. Sixth, That a page in our records be set aside to the memory of Mr. Pemberton, and that this tribute be recorded therein. Seventh, That the president and secretary are directed to present a copy of the action of this board of directors to the family of Mr. Pemberton, and to have it published in our city papers.

B. C. WHERRY, President.
W. S. STREET, Secretary.

DEATHS

GUNDLACH.—Died, at her home, 3904 Williamsburg Avenue, Mrs. BERTHA GUNDLACH, wife of W. R. Gundlach, aged sixty-two years. She leaves a husband and four sons—Lewis R., Otto W., Albert F., Herman P.; one grandson, Herman C.; one brother, Rudolph Herrick, of Patterson, N. J. Funeral SUNDAY AFTERNOON at 2:30 from St. John's German Lutheran Church, corner Eighth and Marshall Streets. Interment in Oakwood.

ADAMS.—Died, at her residence, No. 1712 Beverly Street, at 5 A. M. MRS. MARY BETHEL ADAMS, in the forty-ninth year of her age. Leaves besides her husband, one child, Joseph, and one sister, Annie Bethel. Funeral from Sacred Heart Cathedral at 2 P. M. SUNDAY. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

ROELKER.—Died, at her residence, 1505 Hanover Avenue, Richmond, Va. MRS. PARTHENIA FORTER ROELKER, widow of Rear-Admiral Charles R. Roelker. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery.

FARMER.—Died, at her home, 417 South Pine Street, at 2:40 P. M. Friday, November 15. ELLA LEE, wife of David W. Farmer. Besides her husband, she is survived by her mother, two brothers and one sister and five children. Funeral notice later, changed on call.